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SUBJECT: PSI: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON VIBRAFUGE MATTER (S)

REF: PARIS 00907 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THOMAS J. WHITE
, FOR REASONS 1.5 (B), (D), AND (H)

11. (U) This is an action request.

12. (C/NF) Subsequent to reftel, Embassy has engaged the French authorities on the pending export to China from France of vibrafuge/centrifuge testing system (vibrafuge) partly manufactured by the U.S. Company Data Physics and assembled for export by the French company Actidyn Systemes. Our nonproliferation contacts at the MFA have repeatedly assured us (most recently on February 6, 2007) that the item remains in France, and that in the event the French authorities decide to proceed with exporting the item, we would receive prior notification.

13. (S/NF) In early February, however, U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) authorities investigating the U.S. seller of one of the critical components of the vibrafuge, received information from a sensitive source alleging that the item was currently being installed in China (NFI). Embassy therefore requests immediate instructions for delivery to the MFA requesting 1) a formal update on the status of the vibrafuge; 2) that Embassy officers be authorized to inspect the equipment. We would also like to provide information generated by the ICE/DOC source to the French authorities and we request that

that information be provided in points for the MFA. Finally, we think points would serve as a good opportunity in which to reiterate U.S. concerns that, if this equipment has not been exported, it should be treated as a non-exportable item pursuant to MTCR "catch all" provisions, and/or non-exportable under any other provision of law or agreement.

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